

## **MINUTES**

### **MONTANA HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES 65th LEGISLATURE - REGULAR SESSION**

#### **COMMITTEE ON FISH, WILDLIFE AND PARKS**

**Call to Order:** Chair Kelly Flynn, on January 19, 2017 at 3:30 PM, in Room 152 Capitol

#### **ROLL CALL**

**Members Present:**

Rep. Kelly Flynn, Chair (R)  
Rep. Bob Brown, Vice Chair (R)  
Rep. Bridget Smith, Vice Chair (D)  
Rep. Zach Brown (D)  
Rep. Virginia Court (D)  
Rep. Tom Jacobson (D)  
Rep. Casey Knudsen (R)  
Rep. Denley M. Loge (R)  
Rep. Jean Price (D)  
Rep. Matt Regier (R)  
Rep. Adam Rosendale (R)  
Rep. Ray L. Shaw (R)  
Rep. Sharon Stewart-Peregoy (D)  
Rep. Sue Vinton (R)  
Rep. Tom Welch (R)  
Rep. Kerry White (R)

**Members Excused:**

Rep. George G. Kipp III (D)

**Members Absent:** None

**Staff Present:** Jessica Riffel, Committee Secretary  
Hope Stockwell, Legislative Branch

**Audio Committees:** These minutes are in outline form only. They provide a list of participants and a record of official action taken by the committee. The link to the audio recording of the meeting is available on the Legislative Branch website.

**Committee Business Summary:**

Hearing & Date Posted: HB 234, 1/13/2017; HB 240, 1/13/2017

Executive Action: HB 108, HB 128

**HEARING ON HB 240**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:01:46 Rep. Kerry White (R), HD 64, opened the hearing on HB 240, Clarify allowed use of groomed snowmobile trails with snowmobile trail pass.

[EXHIBIT\(fih14a01\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih14a02\)](#)

[EXHIBIT\(fih14a03\)](#)

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:12:04 Ronna Alexander, Montana Snowmobile Association

00:14:19 Roger Hagan, Montana Trail Vehicle Riders Association (MTVRA)

00:15:07 Jim Brown, Citizens for Balanced Use (CBU)

00:16:31 Joanne Sjostrom, Self

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:**

00:17:53 Tom Reilly, Department of Fish, Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:18:23 Rep. C. Knudsen

00:18:45 Rep. White

00:19:04 Rep. C. Knudsen

00:19:21 Rep. White

00:19:25 Rep. C. Knudsen

00:19:35 Rep. White

00:22:07 Rep. Stewart-Peregoy

00:22:36 Hope Stockwell, Legislative Services Division (LSD)

00:23:23 Chair Flynn

00:23:34 Tom Reilly, FWP

00:23:55 Chair Flynn

00:24:09 Tom Reilly, FWP

00:24:42 Chair Flynn

00:24:53 Tom Reilly, FWP

00:25:46 Rep. B. Brown

00:26:11 Tom Reilly, FWP

00:26:17 Rep. B. Brown

00:26:23 Tom Reilly, FWP

00:26:33 Rep. Loge

00:26:56 Rep. White

00:29:43 Rep. B. Brown

00:30:13 Rep. White

00:31:21 Rep. Shaw

00:31:47 Rep. White

00:32:28 Chair Flynn

00:32:53 Rep. White

**Closing by Sponsor:**

00:34:18 Rep. White

00:37:56 Hope Stockwell, LSD

**HEARING ON HB 234**

**Opening Statement by Sponsor:**

00:38:41 Rep. Janet Ellis (D), HD 81, opened the hearing on HB 234, Revise laws related to personal flotation devices.

**EXHIBIT(fih14a04)**

**Proponents' Testimony:**

00:44:48 Dave Loewen, Department of Fish Wildlife and Parks (FWP)

**EXHIBIT(fih14a05)**

00:46:57 Ben Lamb, Montana Wildlife Federation (MWF)

**Opponents' Testimony:** None

**Informational Testimony:** None

**Questions from Committee Members and Responses:**

00:47:45 Rep. Jacobson  
00:48:12 Rep. Ellis  
00:50:06 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
00:50:34 Rep. Jacobson  
00:51:27 Rep. Ellis  
00:52:39 Rep. Vinton  
00:53:19 Dave Loewen, FWP  
00:54:02 Rep. Vinton  
00:54:26 Dave Loewen, FWP  
00:54:45 Rep. Vinton  
00:54:55 Dave Loewen, FWP  
00:55:07 Rep. Z. Brown  
00:56:10 Dave Loewen, FWP  
00:56:51 Rep. Z. Brown  
00:57:12 Dave Loewen, FWP  
00:57:34 Rep. White  
00:58:26 Hope Stockwell, LSD  
00:59:10 Chair Flynn  
00:59:39 Dave Loewen, FWP  
00:59:53 Rep. Ellis

**Closing by Sponsor:**

01:00:43 Rep. Ellis

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 108**

01:05:11 **Motion:** Rep. B. Smith moved that **HB 108 DO PASS.**

**Discussion:**

01:05:33 Rep. M. Regier  
01:06:20 Hope Stockwell, LSD

01:06:55 **Vote:** Motion carried 15-2 by roll call vote with Rep. M. Regier and Rep. Rosendale voting no. Rep. Kipp voted by proxy.

**EXECUTIVE ACTION ON HB 128**

01:08:15 Hope Stockwell, LSD

01:08:46 **Motion:** Rep. Shaw moved that **HB 128 DO PASS.**

01:09:04 **Motion:** Rep. B. Brown moved that **HB 128 BE AMENDED.**

[EXHIBIT\(fih14a06\)](#)

**Discussion:**

01:09:40 Hope Stockwell, LSD

01:10:53 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Kipp voted by proxy.

01:11:15 **Motion:** Rep. Shaw moved that **HB 128 DO PASS AS AMENDED.**

**Discussion:**

01:11:35 Rep. White

01:12:08 **Vote:** Motion carried unanimously by voice vote. Rep. Kipp voted by proxy.

**ADJOURNMENT**

Adjournment: 01:13:38

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Jessica Riffel, Secretary

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Additional Documents:

**EXHIBIT**([fih14aad.pdf](#))